AN ORDINANCE OF EXPLANATION

Of a former Ordinance, Entituled,
An Ordinance for better amending and keeping in Repair the
Common High-Waies
within this Nation.

WHereas by an Ordinance, Entituled, An Ordinance for better amending, and keeping in repair the Common High-waies within this Nation, amongst other things, It is Ordained, That if any Wagons, Carts, or Carriages wherein any burdens of dead commodities or Wares shall at any

time from and after the first day of May then next, be drawn upon any such High-Wayes, Roads or Streets, with above five Horses or Mares, or six Oxen and one Horse or Mare, in any one Cart or Wagon, That then it shall be lawful to or for any Constable or Surveyor of High-Ways, or other Inhabitant in any Parish where such Loaden Wagon, Cart or Carriage shall pass and be drawn as aforesaid, to distrain and seize all such supernumerary Horses, Mares or Oxen as he shall find in any such Wagon, Cart, or Carriage, over and above the number of five Horses or Mares, or six Oxen and one Horse or Mare respectively, and the same supernumerary Horses, Oxen and Mares respectively, to detain & keep until such Owner or Driver have paid and answered, into the hands of the Surveyors of High-Ways within the Parish where such distress and seizure shall be made, or one of them, the sum of twenty shillings for every such supernumerary Horse, Mare or Ox; Be it now Ordained by his Highness the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, &c. by and with the consent of His Council, That the said Ordinance or any Clause therein contained, shall not extend to any Carts or Carriages at any time used in the conveying, draught or carriage of any Ordinance, Timber or Artillery, of any sort or kinde whatsoever, for the use of the Army or Navy; But that such Carts, Draughts or Carriages may be drawn with any number of Horses or Oxen necessary for the Drawing thereof, without incurring any of the Penalties in the said Ordinance mentioned or without any stop, molestation or disturbance

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of any Constable, Officer or other person whatsoever, Any thing in the said Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided, That such persons that attend the said Draughts, Carts or Carriages for the use of the said Army or Navy, have some Order or pass under the hands of His Highness the Lord Protector, or the Lord President of His Council, or of the Commissioners of the Admiralty and Navy, or Generals of the Fleet, or other Field-Officers of the Army, Commissioners of the Navy, or some Governour of a Garrison, or under the hands of some of them, signifying that such Carriages and Draughts are for the use of the said Army or Navy as is aforesaid.

Tuesday May 16. 1654.

ORdered by His Highness the Lord Protector and his Council, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and Published.

Henry Scobell, Clerk of the Council.

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